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Comments: The aesthetics of underground lines is critical in Western Loudoun which is wine/horse/farm and tourist country. Overhead lines disrupt human health, cell phones, radio transmission and are literally a huge eyesore on the landscape, much like strip-mining is. Such criteria for underground lines are 1)negative economic impact to homeowners in eyesight of the towers; reduced values and impact on tourism. Riding the bike path east of here with those huge towers is awful. 2) Less impact by storm and wind. 3) Could be an easy target for terrorists to take out power easily. Funding - 1) increase rates, maintaining the enviroment has its costs. People move to Loudoun for the serenity and beauty; they visit as tourists for the same reason. It costs money for that in today's world. Everyone needs to pay - and all towers should be underground from now on.. spread the cost around. Underground lines should be the norm. Spread the cost, adds up to only a few dollars per person that way, and we all win.

Policy of underground lines should be by state law, that way there will be no fighting over it. The state can simply insist;;it is safer, protects the viewshed, and no one area or neighborhood, rich or poor, should have to have it. Just because an area in Va. is poor - they should not have to have the towers.. we all pay for a beautiful Virginia. State law, spread cost around. James and Julie Hildbold (FAA/Loudoun Co. teacher) Thanks for taking our input...